



and was brought to Cambridge (as I have heard) whence he made his escape and
 for some time he pious arguments of his Parents, and the fear of coming
 to a Publick School, he returned an inclination to goe to
 2. After which some provisions were made about four years since, but could
 not be put into execution, which was the reason why he did not
 fully comply with the wishes and intentions of his former School-masters
 he spent a long time in the University of Cambridge, and the Conventions for the
 him; and again betook himself to the same vicious practices, insomuch
 which brought him to this situation, and finally end.

ABOUT TWENTY MONTHS SINCE HE WAS BY THE CAMBRIDGE-COMMITTEE APPREHENDED
 IN WARE-HOUSE FOR A ROBBERY COMMITTED ON HIM, AND WAS CONFINED TO HIS
 GATE, WHERE HE IN A LITTLE TIME FOUND HIMSELF BY INVOLUNTARY MEANS
 BROUGHT HIS CASE FROM THE PRISONER: SINCE WHICH TIME HE HAS BEEN CONFINED
 TO HIS PRISON, WHERE HE WAS LATELY RECOVERED IN THE PRISON
 HIS CASE WAS BROUGHT BEFORE THE JUDGES, WHOSE VERDICT WAS THAT HE SHOULD
 BE EXECUTED FOR HIS ROBBERY, AND FOR THE MURDER OF A YOUNG MAN, WHOSE
 NAME WAS ROBERTS, WHOSE BODILY REMAINS WERE LATELY BURIED IN THE
 CHURCH-YARD OF ST. MARTIN'S, WHERE HE WAS BURIED, AND HIS CORPSE
 WAS LATELY EXHUMED, AND HIS BONES WERE FOUND IN THE CHURCH-YARD.

ACCOUNT OF THE TRIAL, CONDEMNATION, AND EXECUTION,

WITH THE
 LAST SPEECHES OF THE
 AUGUSTIN KING.

AUGUSTIN KING.

Who was Executed near Hartford Towns-end, on Wednesday
 March the 1st. 1687.

THE often Examples of men, falling by Justice, and their preten-
 ded Speeches printed, before they suffer, are so common, that
 we have scarce the encouragement to present the World with
 one which is real, and I doubt not but to Most, will be grateful,
 The account being true, it needs no long preamble to create a
 belief. The Person of whose end I am going to give an Account, was by name
 Augustin King, born in the County of Cambridge of sober and honest Parents,
 his Father was a Dissenting Minister, who gave him liberal Education, and
 sent him in the University of Cambridge, to mature his Studies, but falling
 into a bad Company, and his Father being not able to allow him where-
 withal to maintain his extravagant humour, he betook himself to ill Courses
 and

and was committed to *Cambridge Gaol*, from whence he made his escape, and for sometime, by the pious arguments of his Parents, and the fear of coming to a Publick shame, he forsooke his ill ways, and had an inclination to goe to Sea, for Which, some provisions were made about four years since, but considering the hardship and hazard, which attended a Sea-faring life, and being not fully weaned from the visits and insinuations of his former lewd companions, he spurned against good council, and the Convictions formerly made upon him, and again betooke himselfe to the most nefarious practices imaginable, which brought him to this immature and untimely end.

About twelve Months since, he was by the *Cambridge-carrier* apprehended in *White-Hall*, for a Robbery committed on him, and was committed to the *Gate-House*, but in a little time found a means by his insinuating tongue to make his escape from his Keeper: Since which time he hath been concerned in an innumerable Robberyes, for which he was lately proscribed in the publick *Gazet*, with this Emphasis, *& above all Augustin King* joyned with a Menace to Inn-keepers that should abscond him. Notwithstanding, which he persevered in his Robberies, having committed one in *Essex* but a few days before he was taken, which was very accidental in his Inn, he was carried before a Magistrate and committed to *Newgate*, where he was kept very close, and loaded with a pair of Irons of an extraordinary weight, from whence he was removed to *Hartford* where he took his Tryal at the Assises, several Indictments being brought against him, upon one of which he was convicted, and received Sentence of Death.

He behaved himselfe with that modesty upon his Tryal, that several engaged to use their interest to procure him a Pardon, amongst whom were some Persons of Honour, the High Shrieff, and most of the eminent Dissenters of the County, but their solicitations with His Majesty proved fruitless, since little could be said on his behalf saving, he was never concern'd in a Murder, and the resolution His Majesty hath made, not to spare one of that wicked profession that the Law hath convicted.

Of all, which having notice, he began to apply himselfe to repent and consider his latter end, and had several visits from a Parson who assured him of the salvation of his Soul, if not his Body, in order to which, some applications were made by his means, but proving ineffectual, the Priest acquainted him he must prepare for Death: upon which he was desired by Mr. King, to desist in his visits, for he knew the way to heaven better then he could shew him, and craved the assistance of some Dissenting Ministers, as also some worthy Divines of the Church of England, and so with great zeale and assurance, he cheerfully waited for the day of his Execution, which was on *Wednesday* last after the *Sun* was down, an other who was executed with him, was carryed in a Cart, but he had the favour to walke to the Gallows which stood a little out of the Town of

Hartford, the high Shrieff walked by his side with whom he discoursed all the way as they went, often smiling and freely telling them any thing they asked or he knew, he particularly confessed a Robbery he lately committed on a Pedlar in *Essex* for which an eminent Cytizen was accused upon the oaths of three but cleared by his Jury, but denyed being concerned any other way than sinisterly in that Robbery for which he came to suffer he gave an account of the evil practices of several Inn-keepers &c. After which he kneeled down and made a long and Pathetical Prayer, several Ministers joyning with him, then he ascended the Cart and was tyed up, his Countenance all this time not in the least changing, he begged forgiveness of all, whom he had offended or injured, and of God for his sinning against Knowledge and was turned off speaking these words.

Lord receive My Soul.

Amongst thousands of Spectators that accompanied him to the place of Execution, not one went away without a Briny eye his Corps the next day was interr'd in the Church-yard at *Hartford*.

From the fate of this Man, all may take care to avoid the allurements of Satan and ill men, since they naturally center in shame and destruction, for if the strong, Learned, and cunning, could not avoid being caught and overtaken by Justice, how shall others whome God and Nature hath made inferior, therefore the precepts of Christianity are safe: Fear GOD honour the KING, do good to all men hurt to none, so shall it be well with thee; and thy days shall end in Peace.

With Allowance.

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